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TO : Director of Training  
FROM : Chief, Language Training Division, O/TR  
SUBJECT: Portable Audio-Visual Device

DATE: 19 May 1953

Reference is made to Paragraph 3 of your memorandum of 14 May 1953. I believe that it is definitely known to Mr. [redacted] and has been known to him since 1951, that patent was pending on a device, the basic concepts of which are those that were incorporated, after disclosure to him and a member of O/TR(S), in the present audio-visual portable unit.

It is not my desire to enter into any controversy on the matter, and I am quite prepared to sign a proper form of release in order that both the Agency and myself shall be properly protected in the event patent now pending on this unit is actually issued.

Had this request for release been submitted at the time the unit was developed by O/TR(S), this matter need not have been brought up in this form.

I am more than willing to facilitate the use of the unit in any of the programs of the Agency. It is understood that this release is to apply only to Central Intelligence Agency.

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1. D/TR	1024 I			HB	<p>2 to 1 I have been aware of [redacted] pending patent, as he states. The device produced by TSS will do substantially the same things that a device proposed by [redacted] would have done. It should be noted that methods, not ideas, are patentable. I do not believe [redacted] or [redacted] ever disclosed "how" their device would have achieved its operating characteristics. Also, I do not know "how" the TSS device works.</p>
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